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30 June 1971

ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary
EIC Subcommittee on Agriculture

SUBJECT: Abolition of EIC Subcommittee on Agriculture

REFERENCES: A. Memo to Executive Secretary, EIC,
dated 11 June 1971

B. EIC-D-737, dated 23 June 1971

EIC Principals have concurred in the abolition of the EIC Subcommittee on Agriculture, effective immediately, in accordance with the subcommittee's recommendation that it be dissolved for the reasons set forth in referenced memoranda. Record of this action is contained in the 20th Annual Report of the Economic Intelligence Committee to the United States Intelligence Board.

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Executive Secretary

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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

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EIC-D-737
23 June 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: EIC Members of the USIB Agencies,
the Departments of Agriculture,
Commerce, and Interior, and the Agency
for International Development

SUBJECT : Abolishment of EIC Subcommittee on
Agriculture

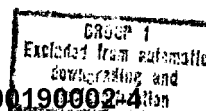
1. Members of the EIC Subcommittee on Agriculture have unanimously agreed that the Subcommittee should be dissolved for reasons set forth below:

a. This subcommittee has been inactive for a number of years -- no meetings have been held for three years, and no EIC business requiring formal action has come before the subcommittee for nearly 5 years;

b. Informal coordination on matters of mutual concern between the respective agencies and departments represented on the subcommittee has been excellent over the years, a situation likely to continue with or without a subcommittee on agriculture;

c. The original reasons for establishing the subcommittee have tended to wither away over the years as the need to formally coordinate Communist agriculture have been largely eliminated, and the increased availability of agricultural research on most of the Communist countries acquired over the past decade has closed the informational gap; and

d. The general decline or lack of economic research and collection of information on Communist agriculture by departments represented on the subcommittee other than USDA and CIA.



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3. In view of the above, it is recommended that the EIC Subcommittee on Agriculture be abolished, effective immediately.

4. Please advise the EIC Secretariat (Code 143 extension 5021) of your concurrence or objection to the recommendation by close of business 30 June 1971.

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EDWARD L. ALLEN
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